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## proposed amendments to the bar rules.

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Dear Matt:

As far as I understand and know, we already have a US and Maine Constitution, and Amendments thereto, that prohibit harassment and discrimination in the fields and areas mentioned, as well as Maine Statutes, and also Bar Rules that similarly prohibit harassment and discrimination (see MRPC, rules 3.1, 4.2, 4.4, and 8.4). Although there is considerable public pressure and demand for political correctness at this particular time of unusual political strife, it still seems that this is more of a redundant and/or reactionary rule, rather than a necessary rule required to protect those particular classes, particularly the proposed requirement of "annual" and "live" training on these issues. Being Jewish and having been faced with actual instances of discrimination while practicing law over the past 39 years has certainly made me sensitive to these issues.

This area of the law does not change on a yearly basis depending upon the whim of the legislature, but has remained basically the same for tens of years at a time, subject to court interpretation. Nonetheless, live training is burdensome and may not be as highly regarded or intellectually challenging and educational as a video broadcast from a nationally experienced attorney or trained expert in the field. In addition, the requirement for "annual" training seems unduly burdensome, especially as it relates to this very stable and mostly unchanging area of the law.

Feel free to contact me,

Thanks

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